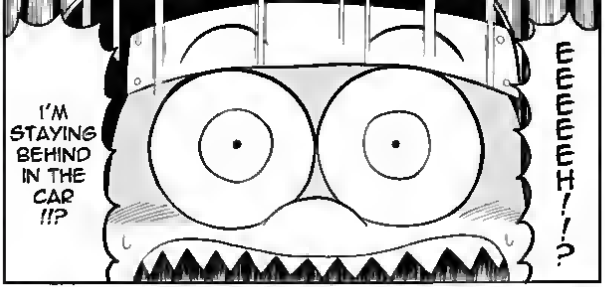
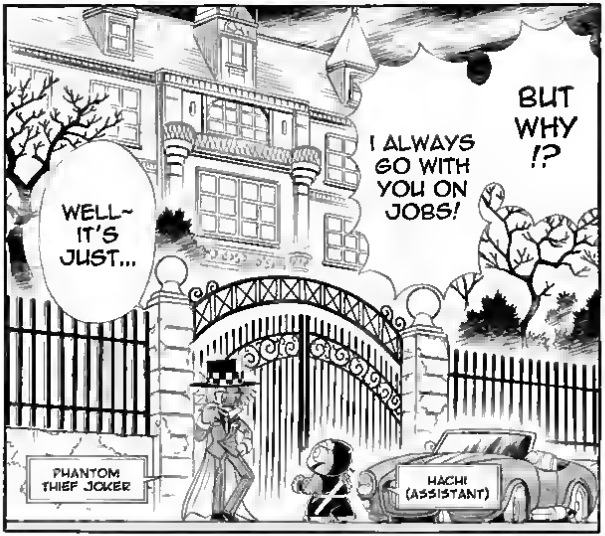
The Cross of
Blood and Ruin


EEEEEH!!?
I'M STAYING BEHIND IN THE CAR !!?


BUT WHY !?
I ALWAYS GO WITH YOU ON JOBS!
WELL~ IT'S JUST...
PHANTOM THIEF JOKER
HACHI (ASSISTANT)

AND I'M GETTING TIRED OF SAVING YOU ALL THE TIME!
SO I'M JUST A BURDEN !?
SO OBVIOUSLY, HE MUST HAVE SOME INCREDIBLE TRAP PREPARED FOR US!
EVEN THOUGH I SENT AN ADVANCE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF THIS MANSION, HE HASN'T CALLED THE POLICE OR ANYTHING

I CAN BE USEFUL IF I REALLY TRY!!
STUPID JOKER-SAN!!
I'LL JUST STEAL THE TREASURE, "THE HOLY CROSS," BY MYSELF!
WELL, DON'T SWEAT IT!
I WISH HE'D STOP TREATING ME LIKE AN AMATEUR!
AAA AAH--! I'M SO MAD!
NOW THAT I REALLY LOOK, THIS AREA IS PRETTY CREEPY...
I-I KNOW! I'LL JUST WATCH JOKER-SAN FAIL FROM HERE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME LAUGHING AT HIM!
HYAA !!

GEH- THAT WAS FAST! HE ALREADY OPENED THE KEY TO THE SAFE!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TRAP!?

HMM I GUESS THAT'S THE OWNER OF THE MANSION?

HM!?

I WISH HE'D HAVE AT LEAST A LITTLE TROUBLE...

I DIDN'T SEE ANY GUARDS BEFORE...
WHO'S THAT!?
ALRIGHT! GO GET 'IM!! DON'T LOSE TO JOKER-SAN!!
OHO~? COULD HE BE ANOTHER PHANTOM THIEF HERE TO STEAL THE TREASURE?
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HUH? THAT'S NOT WHERE THE TREASURE IS...?

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AH- THAT'S THE ROOM WHERE-
HE'S NOT A PHANTOM THIEF! HE'S A MURDERER!!?
OH NO!
HE FOUND ME!?
YOU'RE -!!
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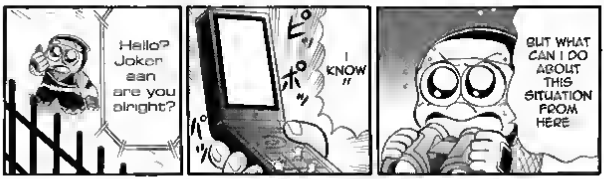
WAAA!! NOW JOKER-SAN'S CAUGHT UP IN THIS!
WAH-
LOOK OUT! RUN AWAY!!


Hello? Joker san are you alright?
I KNOW !!
BUT WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THIS SITUATION FROM HERE

AH-!

Uwaaa aah!!!
W-what's wrong!?

Did you take down that big guy?
Thank goodness! You're okay

WHO IS THIS ...?
WHERE ARE YOU WATCHING FROM?
WAS JOKER-SAN KILLED!?
BLOOD~!!
THERE!!
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WAIT THERE... I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN...
RAN AWAY, HM ?
HE'S GONE
I'M COMING TO SAVE YOU!!
PLEASE BE ALIVE, JOKER-SAN!!

PLEASE ANSWER ME!!
WHERE ARE YOU, JOKER-SAN!?
HNGYAAAA!!!
WHO ARE YOU?
DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT! YOU'RE THE INTRUDER HERE, YOU KNOW!?
AREN'T YOU THE OWNER OF THE MANSION?
MY NAME IS SIMON.
IT'S NOT SAFE HERE. I WAS NEARLY KILLED BY A ROBBER A FEW MINUTES AGO...
THAT'S RIGHT! WHERE'S JOKER-SAN!?
HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN WITH YOU!
JOKER?
I SEE... SO YOU'RE AN ALLY OF THE PHANTOM THIEF...
HE'S ALREADY ...

JOKER-SAN!!?
HE WAS MISTAKEN FOR ME IN THE DARKNESS, AND THAT OTHER MAN ATTACKED HIM...
THIS FIRST-AID KIT IS USE-LESS!!
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AND HIS HEART'S STOPPED
IT CAN'T BE... HE'S NOT BREATH-ING!

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UWAAAA!!
U, AAA.....
JOKER-SAN!!
THANK GOODNESS! I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD FOR SURE!!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HANG UP THERE? I HAVE TO TREAT YOUR WOUNDS!
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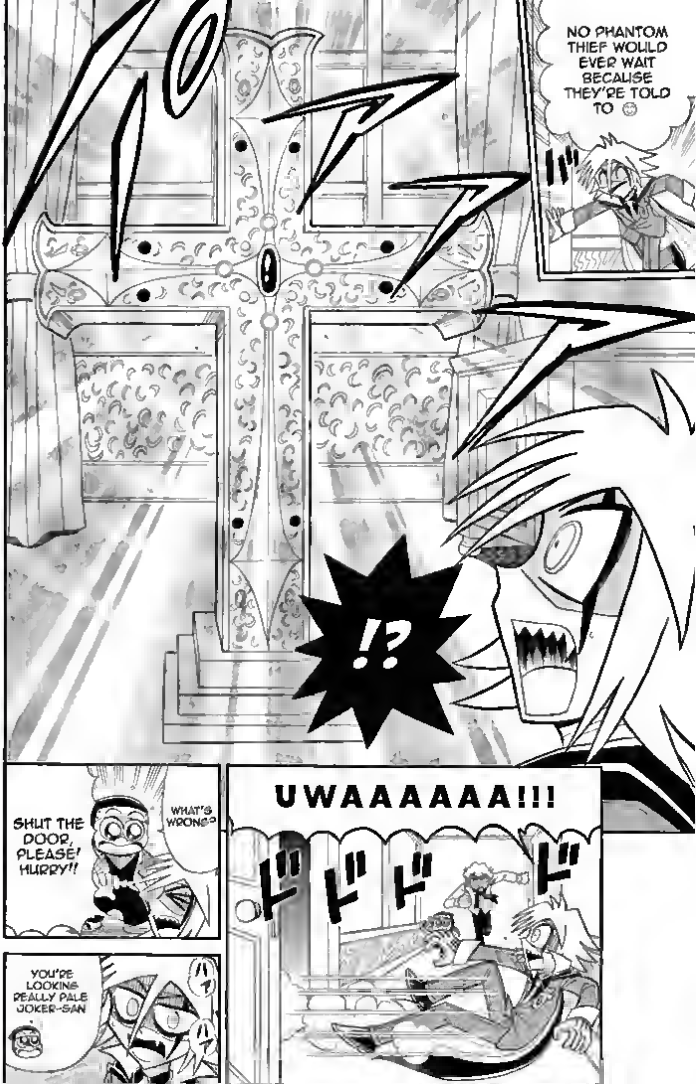
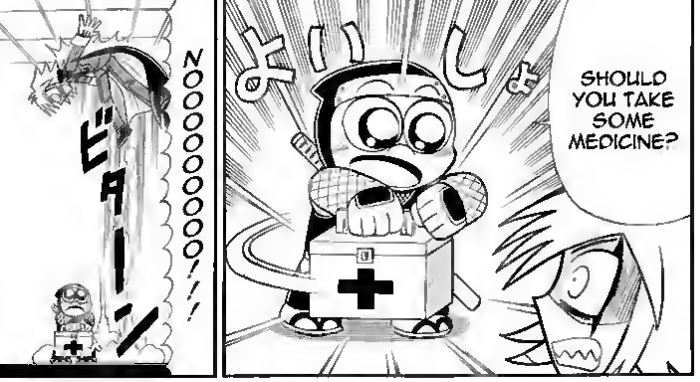
AAH...
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE ONLY INJURY YOU HAVE IS THE ONE ON YOUR NECK.
HE DEFINITELY TOOK A BITE OUT OF MY NECK.
IT WAS DARK, SO I COULDN'T SEE VERY WELL, BUT
THAT JERK BITING ME WITH EVERYTHING HE HAD!
HE BIT YOU?
A VAMPIRE?
BUT IT'S PRETTY CREEPY GETTING BITTEN ON THE NECK LIKE THAT. IT'S LIKE IT WAS DONE BY A VAMPIRE
WHY YOU~!!
EASY TO SAY WHEN IT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM!
WELL THAT'S A RELIEF! IF HE HAD USED THAT DRILL INSTEAD, YOU'D BE PUSHING UP DAISIES!

THEY'RE MONSTERS WHO SUCK THE BLOOD OF LIVING HUMANS. THEY NEVER GROW OLD AND CAN ONLY BE KILLED BY THE SUN OR A CROSS!
YOU KNOW, YOU SEE THEM ALL THE TIME IN BOOKS AND MOVIES. VAMPIRES LIKE DRACULA.
IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO WORK.
GEEZ. LIKE I'M GONNA GROW FANGS.
QUIT MESSING AROUND, YOU TWO!!
JOKER-SAN'LL GROW FANGS TOO.
UM, AND THEN THE PERSON WHO WAS BITTEN BECOMES A VAMPIRE TOO, RIGHT?
HOLD IT! JOKER!!
HEEE EY!!
GETTING BACK TO STEALING THE TREASURE, OF COURSE!
WORK?
Don't tell me...


NO PHANTOM THIEF WOULD EVER WAIT BECAUSE THEY'RE TOLD TO
!?
SHUT THE DOOR PLEASE! HURRY!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
UWAAAAAAA!!!
YOU'RE LOOKING REALLY PALE JOKER-SAN


NOOOOOOOOO!!!
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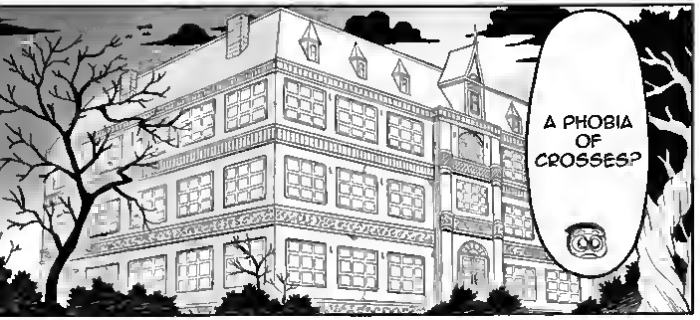
SHOULD YOU TAKE SOME MEDICINE?


A PHOBIA OF CROSSES?

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ALRIGHT, I GET IT ALREADY
HEY YOU, C'MERE...
SIMON-SAN?
AND DON'T POINT THAT THING MY WAY!!
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I HAVE NO IDEA WHY, BUT WHENEVER I LOOK AT A CROSS, I START TO HURT SO BAD I COULD DIE!!
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YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM JOKER.
IT'S DANGER-OUS.
EH?
YOU SAW IT TOO, DIDN'T YOU? THOSE MARKS ON HIS NECK
AND HOW TERRIFIED HE IS OF CROSSES..
IT'S JUST LIKE THE VICTIM OF A VAMPIRE ATTACK, DON'T YOU THINK?
THAT CAN'T BE!
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT MAN BEFORE WAS A VAMPIRE
AND HE SUCKED JOKER-SAN'S BLOOD!?
I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE. BUT
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS WHISPER-ING ABOUT OVER THERE?
SETTING THAT ASIDE, I'VE BEEN FEELING REALLY THIRSTY SINCE A LITTLE WHILE AGO
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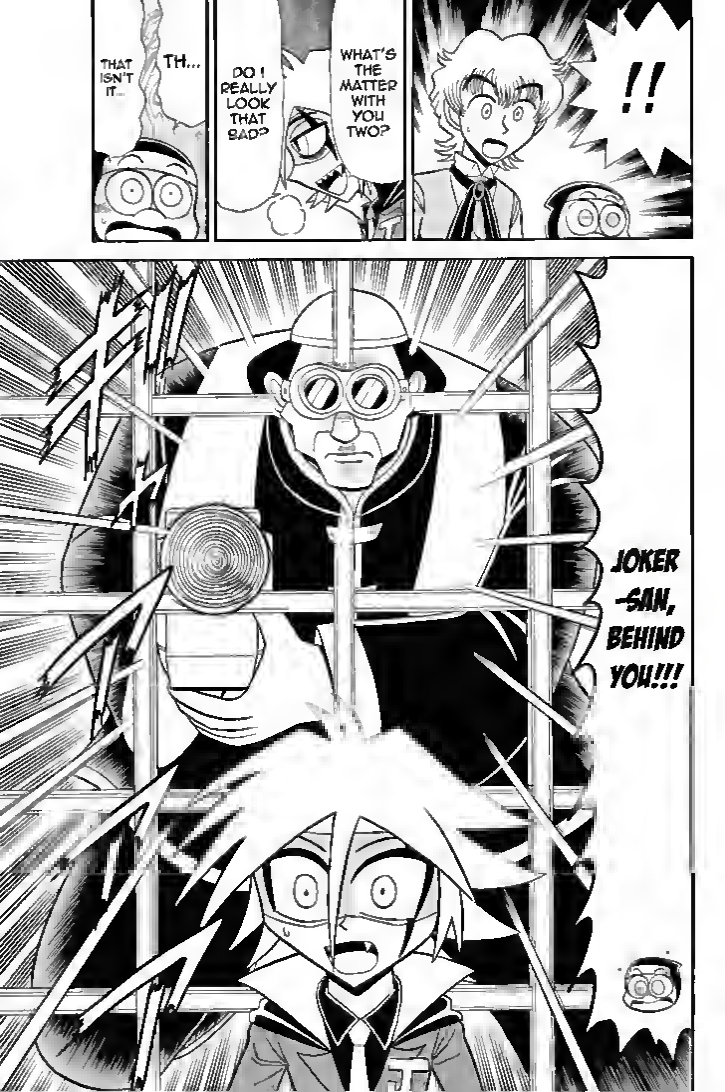
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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU TWO?
DO I REALLY LOOK THAT BAD?
TH...
THAT ISN'T IT...
JOKER -SAN, BEHIND YOU!!!

UWA -!!
THE BIG GUY CAME BACK!!
RUN! HACHI-KUN!!
EH!? WE'RE LEAVING JOKER-SAN BEHIND!?
HE'S NOT HUMAN ANY-MORE!
DO YOU WANT TO END UP A VAMPIRE AS WELL!?

YOU WON'T ES-CAPE
!!
UWA AAH !!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! I HAVE TO PAY YOU BACK FOR BITING ME IN THE DARK!
BITING YOU?
I SEE. JUST AS I THOUGHT, YOU WERE ATTACKED BY THAT PERSON.
THAT PERSON?
LOOK AT THIS

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WAIT A MINUTE!?
THEY'RE ALL OF SIMON
PHOTO-GRAPHS?

THAT MAN HAS BEEN ALIVE FOR OVER 300 YEARS, AT LEAST...
AND IN THAT TIME, HE HAS SUCKED THE BLOOD OF COUNTLESS HUMANS!
SIMON LOOKS EXACTLY THE SAME!!
THE COUPLE IN THIS PICTURE GREW OLDER, BUT

THIS MAN IS A VAMPIRE !!!
SIMON ALU-CARD !!!
YOU THINK SO?
WHAT NON-SENSE.
PLEASE STOP WITH THE JOKES
I WILL ELIMI-NATE YOU!!
AFTER SEARCHING FOR YEARS, I'VE FINALLY FOUND HIM.
I-IT CAN'T BE SIMON-SAN...?
THEN WOULD YOU CARE TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU HAVE NO REFLEC-TION IN THE MIRROR!?
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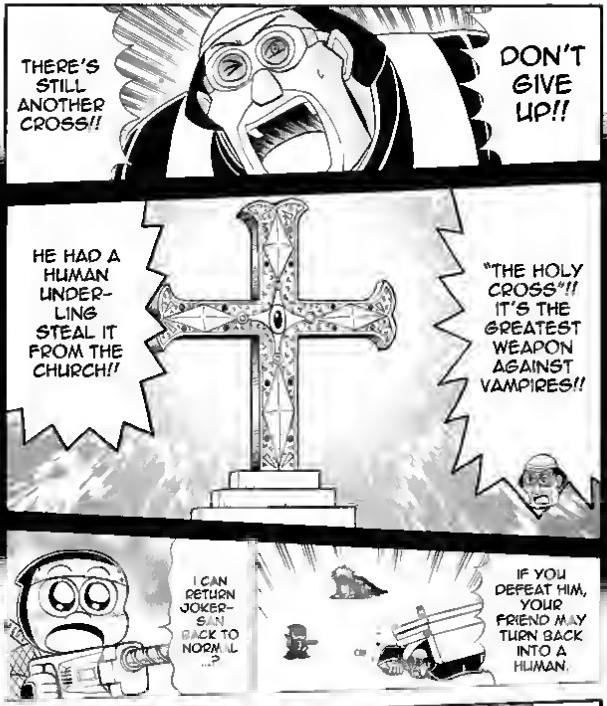
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WAS I WHO SUCKED JOKER'S BLOOD.
WHAA AAAA T!!?
WHA...
GUWA -!!

WHY YOU! GET AWAY FROM HACHI!!
NOW, ALLOW ME TO DRINK SOME OF YOUR BRIGHT RED BLOOD
I GET SO THIRSTY AFTER VIGOROUS ACTIVITY.
WHAT!?
ON YOUR KNEES.
NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN.
EEEK!!
YOU CAN'T GO AGAINST ME, YOUR MASTER
DID YOU FORGET, MY DEAR PHANTOM THIEF?
YOUR BODY IS ALREADY THAT OF A VAMPIRE.

TCH!!
STAY AWAY !!!
YOU FOOL. YOU THREW AWAY YOUR ONLY CROSS.
H-HE'S WALKING ON THE CEILING!?
IS THIS ALL THERE IS!?
NEED SOMETHING ELSE TO USE AS A WEAPON


THERE'S STILL ANOTHER CROSS!!
DON'T GIVE UP!!
HE HAD A HUMAN UNDER-LING STEAL IT FROM THE CHURCH!!
"THE HOLY CROSS"!! IT'S THE GREATEST WEAPON AGAINST VAMPIRES!!
I CAN RETURN JOKER-SAN BACK TO NORMAL ...?
IF YOU DEFEAT HIM, YOUR FRIEND MAY TURN BACK INTO A HUMAN.
I WON'T LET YOU ESCAPE!!
I'LL TRY!!
I UNDER-STAND!!

IMPOS-SIBLE! YOU CAN STILL MOVE!?
IDIOT! NEVER UNDE-ESTIMATE A PHANTOM THIEF'S FIGHTING SPIRIT!
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FUNGA!!
R-RIGHT!
REMEM-BER!! WHEN YOU'RE IN A PINCH, KEEP THINKING OF A SOLUTION UNTIL THE VERY END!!
GO! HACHI!!
FOUND IT!!

NGGG GHH~! IT'S HEAVY ~!!
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO MOVE SOME-THING LIKE THIS!?
HEYA!
TOOL~
MOOOVE!
I...IT WON'T BUDGE AN INCH...
I REALLY AM
JUST A USELESS AMATEUR ...
HA HA HA HA HA !!
I WON'T LET A SINGLE PERSON LEAVE THIS MANSION ALIVE!
WAAAAH! THE VAMPIRE IS COMING UP! WH-AT DO I DO!? WHAT DO I DO!?
WHEN YOU'RE IN A PINCH, DON'T STOP THINKING OF A SOLUTION UNTIL THE VERY END!
SHUSHUSHU

HE WOULD THINK! I'VE BEEN AT HIS SIDE WATCHING HIM ALL THIS TIME, AFTER ALL!!
THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT WOULD JOKER-SAN DO IN THIS SITUATION!?
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I CAN SMELL YOUR DELECTABLE BLOOD FROM ALL THE WAY OUT HERE
YOU'RE IN THERE, AREN'T YOU?
HAAA~ CHII!~ KUN, COME ON OUUUT~
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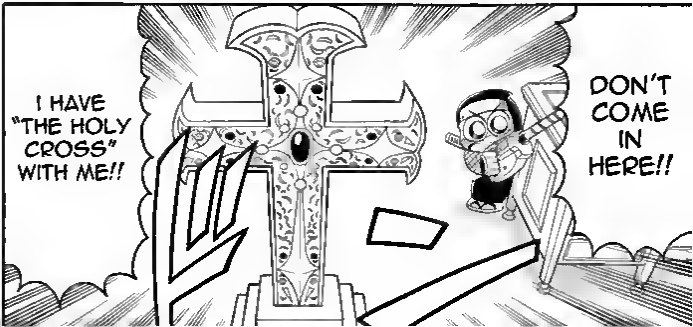
I HAVE "THE HOLY CROSS" WITH ME!!
DON'T COME IN HERE!!

A CROSS, HM...?
HUH -!?
WELL WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT IF I DO THIS, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO FEAR
S-STAY BACK!!
OR YOU'LL BE THE ONE IN A WORLD OF PAIN!!
WHY DON'T WE TEST THAT OUT THEN!?

EEE EEK!!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA !!
THE DRILL ..
NOW THEN, OUT OF IDEAS?

IN THAT CASE, TIME TO DIG IN.

HM?
CAL-TROPS?
IS THIS TO PREVENT ME FROM BITING YOUR NECK?
IS THIS YOUR BIG TRICK!?
WHAT RUB-BISH!!
THAT'S RIGHT... THIS IS THE BEST I COULD COME UP WITH...
THE PALM OF MY HAND?
BUT I KNEW, "IF IT WERE JOKER-SAN, HE'D DEFINITELY DO THIS."
AND RIGHT NOW, IT'S IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND.
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THE CROSS IS ON THE CEILING !!?
I-IMPOSSIBLE!!!
WHAT !?
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WHAT IS THIS !?
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IT CAN'T BE
IT'S A LIE
STO OOOP ~!!
GYAAAAAAAA!!!

パラ
YOU MEAN THIS?
HOW WAS THERE ANOTHER CROSS!?
GUOO OOO!! HOW!?
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THAT WAS A FAKE MADE BY IMAGE GUM!
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I SEE... SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...
IMPRESSIVE...
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AS THE DRILL ROTATES, THE WIRE IS WOUND UP.
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HE GRABBED ONTO THE DESK SO HIS BODY WOULDN'T LIFT UP.
I HOISTED THE REAL CROSS UP TO THE CEILING BY TYING IT UP WITH THIN, DURABLE WIRE, AND THEN WINDING IT UP USING THE ELECTRIC DRILL.
WHEN THE DRILL WAS RELEASED, THE CROSS FELL DOWN.
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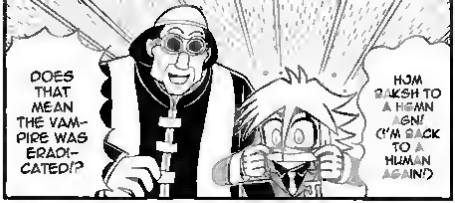

HM?
THANK YOU, BOTH OF YOU
NOW I CAN RETURN THE CROSS TO THE CHURCH
WELL-I GUESS
YOU DID IT! THAT'S AMAZING, HACHI!
HEEEEEEEEY!!!
I'LL JUST BE TAKING "THE HOLY CROSS." ☺
NO NEED TO THANK US, OLD MAN'

怪盗ジョーカー
MYSTERIOUS JOKER

THE CROSS OF BLOOD AND RUIN

[FIN]

EXTRAS CORNER 8

And so, let's begin the extras corner.
THIS VOLUME WAS JUST TOO FULL OF STUFF! JUST DO YOUR BEST AND GO ON AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE!
EDITOR SHIOYA-SAN
AUTHOR
HEY NOW, SHIOYA-SAN! WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE PAGE AGAIN!!
WHAT ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE WHO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS CORNER!?
THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A FABULOUS PRIZE!!
WE'RE HOLDING A BEYBLADE TOURNAMENT RIGHT HERE!
AND RIGHT AFTER THAT SUDDENLY DJ BLADER APPEARED IN THE FLESH!!
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THE OTHER DAY, I WENT TO THE WEDDING RECEPTION OF THE MANGA AUTHOR OF METAL FIGHT BEYBLADE, ADACHI-SENSEI
3・2・1…
I'VE READ EVERY MANGA AND WATCHED EVERY ANIME OF BEYBLADE!
REPORTER MASUE
(CANDY DETECTIVE) OKITSUNE SENSEI
(GOTTENKA) KOUNE-SENSEI
ALRIGHT! US MEMBERS OF COROCORO WILL WIPE THE FLOOR WITH THESE OTHER GUYS!!
HELL KERBECS
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QUICKLY LOST IN THE FIRST ROUND?
BEEEEY!
6000-!! PEGASUS!!!
THE PROTAGONIST'S BEYBLADE SHOULD BE THE STRONGEST!!
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INDIVIDUAL TALLY OF KITSUNE SENSEI: WON

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